

HOSPITAL AND TRAINING-SCHOOL ITEMS

IN CHARGE OF
LINDA RICHARDS



THE exercises conferring diplomas upon the tenth class to graduate from the Johns Hopkins Hospital Training-School for Nurses were held in the Hall of the Physiological Building of the Medical School on the afternoon of May 24, at half-past three o'clock. The Hall was beautifully and lavishly decorated with palms and flowers, and was filled to its utmost capacity with friends and relations of the graduates and with Baltimore people, who have always maintained a keen interest in the work and progress of the Training-School.

The graduating class and the officers and teachers of the school, about fifty in number, were placed to the right of the platform.

The address to the graduates was given by Dr. Daniel C. Gilman, president of the Johns Hopkins University. He outlined the remarkable progress made by the profession of nursing, and encouraged still further efforts in the direction of better educational methods, more teachers, libraries, and facilities for improved work.

Dr. Henry M. Hurd, the superintendent of the hospital, prefaced the conferring of the diplomas with a brief address urging the wisdom of much liberality in planning courses of instruction for nurses.

The report of the superintendent of the school, Miss Nutting, covered the advances made in the school work since the graduation of the first class, ten years ago, and followed out briefly the work accomplished by some of the two hundred and thirty-seven nurses who have graduated from the school and are now occupied in professional work in various parts of the world.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies a large reception was held in the hospital grounds, where tents had been erected from which refreshments were served.

The following pupils were awarded scholarships:

Seniors.—Robina Stewart, Guelph, Canada; Mary McMaster, Winnesboro, South Carolina; Carolyne Van Blarcom, St. Louis, Missouri; Francina Freese, Cayuga, New York.

Intermediates.—Bessie Baker, New Market, Maryland; Eliza Dick, Sumter, South Carolina; Louisa Jack, St. John, New Brunswick; Ellen La Motte, Wilmington, Delaware.

Juniors.—Loula Kennedy, Freedom, Maryland; Amy McMahon, St. Catherine's, Canada; Grace Smith, Birmingham, Alabama; Reba Thelin, Baltimore, Maryland.

THE subject of State sanatoriums for consumptives is still agitating the public mind. Massachusetts and New York each have a Consumptive Sanatorium, modelled after those of Austria and Germany. An excellent Consumptive Home has been established near Philadelphia, and the Legislature of Minnesota has been considering a bill setting apart land for a Sanatorium for Consumptives, and appropriating one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for buildings and fifty thousand dollars annually for operating expenses. Maine is talking about a Consumptive Sanatorium, and the California Legislature has passed a resolution providing for the appointment of a Senatorial committee with authority to investigate the subject of consumption in the State, to report whether or not it is advisable to establish a hospital for consumptives, and, if so, to make suggestions with reference to a site and the amount necessary to be expended.

Professor J. T. Rothrock, a physician and a botanist of world-wide fame, now State Forestry Commissioner of Pennsylvania, has a plan for utilizing the forest reservations of his State for the care of consumptives. He would establish camps in suitable places in these forest reserves where consumptives could spend the summer months and have the advantage of pure air and an out-door life. Dr. Rothrock has already money enough subscribed to cover the expense of such camps. "The patients," he says, "will be furnished shelter free, but will have to make their own cooking arrangements. They will be required to adhere rigidly to the fish and game laws, and all laws for the preservation of the forests, including precautions in the use of fire."

This seems like an excellent scheme, and is worthy, at least, of due consideration.

Consumption is not the incurable disease we have been taught to consider it. If taken early, under favorable conditions and proper treatment, many get well; and those who have inherited tendencies towards consumption may be made so strong and resistive that the disease has no power over them.

THE evening of May 7 the graduating exercises of the Training-School for Nurses of the Presbyterian Hospital were held in Princeton Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia. Rev. Charles Wadsworth, D.D., presided and addressed the graduating class. Dr. John H. Girvin also made an address, and the diplomas and badges were presented by Mr.

Charles H. Mathews, vice-president of the Board of Trustees. Mr. James F. Magee, with his usual generosity, provided a reception in the Nurses' Home for the members of the graduating class and their friends. The home was beautifully decorated with plants and cut flowers and every one seemed to have spent a pleasant evening.

These were the graduates of the Class of 1901: Edith R. Andrews, Princeton, New Jersey; Janet L. Bines, Ridge Farm, Illinois; Mary Campion, Germantown, Philadelphia; Marie Close, Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania; Hebe Cutts, Lewinsville, Virginia; Emma E. Grittinger, Cornwall, Pennsylvania; Cornelia W. Happersett, Fort Hamilton, New York; Anna S. Hess, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Anna E. Kumm, Allegheny, Pennsylvania; Anna E. McCowan, Pitman Grove, New Jersey; Jennie E. Patterson, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Adda W. Phillips, St. Davids, Pennsylvania; Elizabeth L. Robinson, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Jennie C. Wardell, Toronto, Canada; Lillie F. Wardell, Toronto, Canada; Nellie M. Wicker, Farmville, Virginia; Elizabeth T. Wright, Easton, Maryland.

THE presentation of diplomas and medals to the graduating class of the Lady Stanley Institute, Ottawa, took place on Monday, May 13, in the presence of a large number of friends. The class consisted of thirteen nurses. Her Excellency, the Countess of Minto, presented the diplomas and medals and made a few congratulatory remarks. Addresses were also made by Mr. E. B. Eddy, president of the hospital, Rev. C. W. Mackay, Rev. Dr. Herridge, Rev. Canon Pollard, Dr. Scott, and Dr. Hanna, all speaking in encouraging terms to the nurses and offering good wishes for their future success.

The school was opened in 1891 by Lady Stanley, wife of the then Governor-General of Canada, and arrangements were made for the pupils to receive their practical training in the General Protestant Hospital, the Hospital for Contagious Diseases, and the Ottawa Maternity Hospital.

During the last two years large additions have been made to the General Hospital, giving opportunities for the study of special branches of work, and necessitating also an increase in the nursing staff.

The Lady Stanley Institute, a hitherto independent corporation, has recently been amalgamated by Act of Parliament with the General Hospital, the home and Training-School retaining their original name.

PLANS for the new seven-story fire-proof building to be erected at Lexington Avenue and Fifty-fifth Street for the Babies' Hospital of the city of New York are complete. For the past six months the superinten-

dent and one of the attending physicians of the hospital have been in Europe studying hospital construction that they might utilize the most advanced ideas in the new structure.

The new building will allow one thousand cubic feet of air to each patient, in marked contrast to many of the hospitals in this city, which provide only three hundred cubic feet to each patient. On the first floor will be the dispensary and offices. The second and third floors will be given over to dormitories for the hospital officers, nurses, and servants. This leaves the upper floor for the wards, which, being high up, will have good light and air, besides being above the dust and noise of the street.

On the fourth floor will be private rooms and two model nurseries, in which maids will be instructed in the proper care of infants. This Training-School originated with the Babies' Hospital, and has been copied throughout the country with more or less success. Part of the fourth and the fifth and sixth floors will be taken up by wards. On the seventh floor will be a great glass sun-room, isolation rooms, and a large laboratory.

THE annual graduating exercises of the St. Mary's Hospital Training-School for Nurses were held at the Pouch Gallery, on Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn, on the evening of May 17.

Dr. John Byrne, president of the faculty of St. Mary's Hospital, presided, and awarded diplomas to the following young women: Mary A. Fenneran, Edythe E. Flawn, Mary Mahoney, Alice J. Danforth, Agnes E. Staley, Mary R. O'Sullivan, Florence E. Laskowski, Anna M. Brady, Kathryne R. O'Boyle, Anna McInerny, Kathryne Cunningham, Nellie Cusick, Eva M. Ritchie, Margaret J. Marwick.

The valedictory was delivered by Miss Edythe E. Flawn, and the first prize for proficiency in studies was won by Miss Alice J. Danforth.

Assistant District Attorney Martin W. Littleton delivered an address to the graduates, saying in part:

"Life is not worth living except it is a struggle. It is what we gather as we proceed; it is in the strain of the struggle; it is in the reach of the ambition; it is in the strain which brings every faculty, every impulse, every hope tensely to bear upon the ambition which is set high in the future."

After the exercises the graduates received their friends in the banquet hall, where supper was served, followed by dancing.

THE sanatorium for the treatment of consumption which has been recently established by the State of Massachusetts in the town of Rutland, in the centre of the State, is an experiment whose fortunes will be

watched with great interest the world over. It is the first State hospital for consumptives ever founded, and its results thus far have been remarkable. Rutland is the highest town in Massachusetts east of the Connecticut River. Its air is remarkably pure and bracing, and it was the place selected for the experiment by a great majority of the physicians and scientific men who were called into consultation. The institution is carefully described in an interesting article by Mrs. Rufus Phillips Williams in the May number of the *New England Magazine*, the first article in which this noteworthy effort has been well presented to the public in one of the popular magazines. The methods followed at the sanatorium are carefully described, and the article is accompanied by many pictures which contribute to make the whole work plain. By and by our Northern States will undoubtedly buy tracts in the more genial South upon which to establish their hospitals for consumptives. Until that day comes, such experiments as this at Rutland are welcome, indeed, and the success which has attended this particular experiment is most promising.

ON May 29 the first graduating exercises of the Lakeside Hospital School for Nurses, Cleveland, were held in the hospital building. Sixteen nurses graduated. The exercises were of a simple nature, and were followed by a short reception in the "Home."

Dr. Lewellyn F. Barker, of the University of Chicago, delivered the address to the class; the diplomas, badges, and prizes were presented by Mr. Samuel Mather, president of the Board of Trustees; a short sketch of the aims of the school was read by the principal, Miss McMillan, and the exercises were closed by the Rt. Rev. William A. Leonard, Bishop of Ohio.

One feature which is worthy of comment was the carefully prepared, comprehensive, and dignified address delivered by Dr. Barker. It was a pleasing contrast to the old-time speech, filled with trite advice, which so frequently greets the graduating nurse. With the rest of the programme, it gave a dignity to the occasion, to the school, and to the nursing profession very pleasing to those interested in its advancement.

THE last session of the Louisiana Legislature appropriated twenty-five thousand dollars for the purchase of a home for the lepers. The lepers are now cared for at Indian Camp plantation in Iberville, but the Board of Commissioners of the Lepers' Home have only a lease of the property, and public sentiment in the neighborhood, particularly in the town of White Castle, two miles distant, is against having the lepers there. For more than a year the board has been looking for an available property. The negotiations had to be conducted secretly, for the moment

a suspicion was aroused that the purchase was for a leper home protests went up from all the neighbors.

The board desired to establish the home near New Orleans because of the better medical attendance assured thereby and under the belief that with better accommodations and treatment it would be possible to carry out the law and compel all lepers to be confined in the hospital.

MISS ADELLA WALTERS, the superintendent of nursing, sends us the following item:

"The following is the list of the Pan-American Hospital nurses who were on duty for the month of May: Mrs. Laura Hesselberg, Presbyterian Hospital, New York; Miss Claribel Lichtenstein, Touro Infirmary, New Orleans, Louisiana; Miss Cecil Dodge, Chicago Baptist Hospital; Miss Margaret Haines, Woman's and Children's Hospital, Buffalo, New York. The nurses on duty for the month of June are: Miss Laura Jarvis, Arnot Ogden Hospital, Elmira, New York; Miss Eleanor Alexander, Kingston General, Kingston, Ontario; Miss A. L. Greenwood, Buffalo General Hospital; Miss Florence Hamilton, Buffalo General Hospital; Miss M. A. VanEvery, Buffalo General Hospital."

WITH the incorporation of the Colorado Hospital for Women and Children recently preparations were begun for a new institution in Denver. As set forth in the articles of incorporation the objects are: "To further the professional advancement of women physicians and surgeons by establishing a hospital for women and children to be under the control of women physicians and surgeons; to provide for women medical attention of competent physicians and surgeons of their own sex; to train nurses." This project has been talked of for some time among the women physicians of Denver. They desire more hospital and surgical experience than they can now obtain at the other hospitals. The institution will be conducted on the same general lines as a similar hospital established by women physicians in Boston, Massachusetts.

THE corner-stone of the new addition to Charity Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, was laid on May 11. The programme was complete and the event was a memorable one in the history of this, Cleveland's first hospital. The new building will cost forty thousand dollars. The money with which to build it has been donated by generous friends of the hospital, who asked that the sums given by them should not be published.

THE New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, New York City, recently received a gift of money from William C. Schermerhorn, and this money

will be used in the erection of a new pavilion for sufferers from ear and attendant brain diseases. This pavilion will stand on the premises now occupied by the building known as No. 224 Second Avenue. The hospital has just taken title to the property.

THE Swedish Hospital and Nurses' Institute, Minneapolis, Minnesota, will erect a building at Tenth Avenue and Eighth Street, facing Elliott Park and diagonally across the street from the new Asbury Hospital. The new hospital will cost about fifty thousand dollars. The building will be three stories, sixty by one hundred and five feet, and of fire-proof construction.

ON the afternoon of May 16, under the auspices of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Missouri, the corner-stone of the New Jewish Hospital was laid at St. Louis. The hospital will be built on the pavilion plan. The ward buildings will be two stories high and will accommodate seventy patients. There will be an isolating ward. The buildings will be strictly fire-proof.

WITHIN a few days workmen will begin to tear down the old building at the county hospital, Denver, Colorado, which formerly was used as a ward for insane patients and for the treatment of tuberculosis and contagious diseases. The building will be replaced by a modern structure which will cost between forty thousand and fifty thousand dollars.

PLANS for the proposed hospital at Batavia, New York, have been presented to the Board of Directors of the Woman's Hospital Association and have been approved. The annual meeting was held May 9, when it was hoped the fund of ten thousand dollars would have been secured, so that work upon the hospital could soon be commenced.

THE nurses who had the privilege of caring for the wife of the President during her late illness in San Francisco were Miss Jessie R. Nelson and Miss Evelyn Hunt, both of California. Miss Nelson graduated from the City and County Hospital and was for a time head nurse in Lane Hospital. Miss Hunt is a graduate of Lane Hospital.

ST. PAUL, Minnesota, will soon have a large and modern non-sectarian hospital. The movement for it originated with a number of citizens, and is backed by the physicians. The city is believed to be in need of such an institution. It will cost upwards of one million dollars. Plans for the project are not yet fully matured.

THE new hospital at Steubenville, Ohio, erected by Congressman J. J. Gill at a cost of thirty-five thousand dollars, was completed last week and is ready for occupancy. It is a building of four stories and has every modern equipment necessary for caring for the sick. Congressman Gill has made the hospital a gift to the city.

THERE is to be built a two-story and loft addition to the Bryn Mawr Hospital, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. The new extension will be twenty-nine by one hundred and eight feet, with a wing twenty-five by forty-five feet. It will contain bedrooms, nurses' quarters, etc. The addition will be of stone, similar to the present buildings.

ST. ANNE'S HOSPITAL, which is to be erected at Forty-ninth Avenue and Thomas Street, Chicago, Illinois, will be devoted to the care of consumptives. The principal building will be two hundred and forty-eight by two hundred and twenty-four feet and will be of brick. It will cost one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

PLANS for the new hospital for the Confederate Veterans' Home at Higginsville, Missouri, were adopted May 18. The State Legislature last winter appropriated fifteen thousand dollars for the hospital. The building will cost twelve thousand dollars, and the balance of the money will be used for furnishings.

MRS. ETHEL COSTELLO, a graduate nurse who was private nurse in Kalamazoo, Michigan, has by the will of an uncle of her husband become possessed of three hundred thousand dollars. Mrs. Costello, who is a widow, has for the past five years supported her little daughter by her profession.

A NEW recreation building for the use of the Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Hospital patients is being erected on the grounds of the hospital near Towson, Maryland. The structure will cost, when complete, about fifteen thousand dollars. A large lawn will be laid out around the building.

NEW YORK is building a State hospital in the Adirondacks, to cost one hundred thousand dollars, where patients with incipient consumption will be treated.

THE Sisters of Charity will erect a hospital in Montgomery, Alabama, costing seventy-five thousand dollars if the city will provide a suitable lot for it.